

Chinese Methodist Church in New Zealand Christchurch Chinese Methodist Church

30.11.2025 First Advent Week 48



Our Mission Statement

What we uphold faithfully

... Fire and the Word

What we surrender earnestly

... Coaves and the Fish

Our Vision

5 Loaves Daily devotion

Family altar

Christian fellowship

Church planting

Overseas mission

2 Fish

Tithe offering

Spiritual gifts offering

For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things.

To Him be the glory forever! Amen.

Romans 11:36

Christchurch Chinese Methodist Church

Ministers: Rev. Dr. Adrain KING, Rev Qing Ming CHEN, Rev. John LING

Order of Service

Silent Prayer / Prelude Worship leader

Silent Hymn Worship leader

Be still for the presence of the Lord

(Stand) Opening Prayer Worship leader

Singspiration Worship leader

(Stand) The Apostles' Creed Worship leader

(Stand) The Lord's Prayer Worship leader

Advent Reading Rev. John Ling

Blessing for the Children Preacher

Sermon Kingly Message: Hope
Matthew 5:3, 10-12

Preacher

Response Song & Offering Worship leader

CCMC Family News Worship leader

High School Graduation Sharing Evangeline Tiong

Commission Song Worship leader

(Stand) Blessing / Closing Prayer Preacher

Three Folds Amen Hymn Worship leader

Postlude with Silent Prayer Musicians

Peace Be With you All

Service Roster

30.11.2025 (First Advent)	14.12.2025 (Third Advent)

Preacher	Rev. John Ling	Rev. John Ling
Worship Leader	John Ngo	Joel Law
Vocalists	Joyce Chu, Joel Law	Jocelyn Kho
Musicians	Evangeline Tiong, Reagan Ngo	Evangeline Tiong,
	Evangeline Hong, Reagan Ngo	Jojo Ngu, Alvin Tiong
Powerpoint	Hedy Ooi	Gabby Gu
Sound	Jerry Hsu	Alvin Ling
LCEC on duty	Freddie Tian	Freddie Tian
Ushers	Soon Yi Loo	Daniel Tan
Refreshment Set up	Dominic & Natasha	To be decided
Food Preparation By	Young Family Fellowship	English Ministry
Cleaning By	Young Family Fellowship	Junior Youth Fellowship

Previous Service Attendance

23/11 - 72

Offerings from last week

Sunday Service (23/11/25)		
Online Banking	\$1526.40	325\$392.40, 332\$450, 486\$250, Anonymous\$55,
[20/11/25 – 26/11/25]	Ψ1320.40	480\$20, 546\$60, 547\$50, 495\$20, 520\$29, 518\$200

Online banking for offerings:

CCMC English Ministry 02-0874-0172137-009

Please specify your name, donor number, and offering type.

Please direct any enquiry regarding offerings to brother Daniel Cheng (027 839 8233)

CCMC Family News

- **1 WELCOME** A warm welcome to everyone attending our English service! We're happy to have you with us today.
- **2** Advent and Christmas Season Advent is the time the Church sets aside for preparation and waiting for the Savior. It commemorates Jesus' First Coming (the arrival of Christmas) and anticipates His Second Coming (the End of Days). On the one hand, we celebrate the Lord Jesus becoming incarnate, bringing salvation and hope.

The Lighting of the Advent Candles:

The Church will light different candles on four consecutive Sundays starting this week until Christmas Day:

Date	Advent Sunday	Candle
30/11	First Sunday of Advent	The Candle of Hope
07/12	Second Sunday of Advent	The Candle of Peace
14/12	Third Sunday of Advent	The Candle of Joy
21/12	Fourth Sunday of Advent	The Candle of Love
25/12	Christmas Day	The Christ Candle

Christmas Gathering Series

a) December 24th (Wednesday): Christmas Eve Gospel Event (Mandarin & English)

Theme: "The Light That Shines In The Darkness" Speak

Speaker: Rev. Adrain King

5:30pm: Love Feast Potluck Dinner. Please bring one or two dishes to share with everyone.

New friends are not required to bring anything.

7:00pm: Evangelistic Service. Content: hymn sharing, a Christmas drama, a message, and more.

*There will be a separate children's program during this time.

b) December 25th (Thursday): Christmas Thanksgiving Sunday Service (Mandarin & English)

Theme: "Emmanuel - God With Us"

Speaker: Rev. Adrain King

Time: 10:00 AM

We welcome everyone to come with a prepared heart, and we sincerely invite new friends to join us.

- **3 2026 Lent Devotional Materials** Pre-orders for the 2026 Lent devotional materials have begun, priced at NZD \$5 per copy. If you wish to purchase the Chinese or English version, please contact Sister May or the fellowship chairman before November 30 (today). The electronic version will be available for online purchase in February.
- 4 Lay Preacher & Co-Worker Course (Mandarin) To align with the Annual Conference theme for 2025-2028: Practicing Godliness, Live Out Holiness, Serve The Community and Spread The Gospel, the Christian Education Department is specially offering a public lecture on Spiritual Discipline. This allows everyone to attend a free trial class and understand the learning content and process of the Lay Worker and Co-Worker Courses. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Speaker: Rev. Jeremiah Huang: Date: December 4, 2025

Time : Thursday, 7:30 PM Platform Zoom Link : fElz: https://bit.ly/bce-trial

Intercession

- 1 Prayer for Peace in the Relationship Between China, Japan, and Taiwan: We place the relationship between China, Japan, and Taiwan into Your hands. We ask You to grant wisdom from above and a humble heart to the leaders of the three regions. May their mouths be filled with gentle and wise words. Remove the suspicion, pride, and hostility from their hearts towards one another. Have mercy and look upon the industries and citizens who are affected by various bans and restrictions.
- 2 Pray for the Level-5 Fire at Hong Kong Tai Po Wang Fuk Court: A severe level-five fire broke out at Hong Kong's Tai Po Wang Fuk Court on November 26, claiming 65 precious lives, including a firefighter who heroically sacrificed his own. Nearly 300 people are still missing. We pray that the Lord will stop the spread of the fire and become a refuge and strong fortress for the victims. May the Lord grant peace and strength to the terrified residents so that they do not fall into despair. We ask the Lord to personally protect the rescue workers battling through the thick smoke, keep them safe, guide them in searching for those still unaccounted for, and bring the rescue efforts to completion with reduced casualties.

Spiritual Message

Care for Our Eyes

This week I joined the church senior group. We invited an ophthalmologist from our church to share with us how to care for our eyes. It was fascinating to learn how intricate our eyes are — how God designed them with self-protective mechanisms such as eyelids and tears to remove unwanted particles or moisturise when our eyes are dry.

Caring for our eyes is important because even a slight discomfort can cause great inconvenience. Our eyes allow us to see, move confidently, and function well every day. The Bible also speaks often about the eyes. One well-known passage is found in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount:

"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light.

But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness.

If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!"

— Matthew 6:22–23

Jesus reminds us how important it is to keep our eyes healthy.

In the Old Testament, Job also reminds us to make a covenant with our eyes. He made a covenant not to look lustfully at a young woman (Job 31:1). This teaches us to guard our eyes by looking at what is godly and by pursuing holiness. Our eyes act as a gateway — what we see enters our mind, and if we do not guard our eyes, unhealthy images and thoughts can fill our minds and eventually influence our heart and actions.

May God open our spiritual eyes to see areas in our lives that may slowly become idols, replacing God in our hearts. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and make a covenant with God to keep our eyes pure, honouring Him and glorifying His name. Amen.

Sermon Notes	Matthew 5:3, 10-12

Chinese Methodist Church in New Zealand (Annual Conference)

Bishop: Rev. Dr. Lai Liong CHAN

Pastoral Advisor: Rev. Joel SIEW

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Area	Church	Minister	Time	Location / Contacts
Auckland	Auckland Chinese Methodist Church	Rev. Dr. Lai Liong Chan Rev. Philip Wong	10:00am(C) 10.00am(E)	12 Young Road, Mt Wellington, Auckland (09) 837-2002 acmc@xtra.co.nz
	North Shore Chinese Methodist Church	Rev. Frederick Tang	2:00pm(C)	67 Eban Ave, Hillcrest, Auckland (021) 2946357 <u>fredericktina@gmail.com</u>
	Greenlane Chinese Methodist Church	Rev. Aaron Sim Rev. James Chin	10.00am(C) 10.00am(E)	12 Saint Vincent Avenue, Remuera (09) 832-6278 aaron.sim@gcmc.nz
Hamilton	Hamilton Chinese Methodist Church	Rev. Hammond Ho	2:00pm(C)	120 Masters Avenue, Silverdale, Hamilton (07) 929-4053 pastor@hcmc.nz
Hamilton	Hamilton Preaching Point	кеч. наттопо но	9:30am(C)	4 North City Road, Hamilton (07) 929-4053 pastor@hcmc.nz
Tauranga	Tauranga Chinese Methodist Church	Rev. Ling Ai Hwong	2:00pm(C)	56 Chadwick Road, Greerton, Tauranga (07) 544-0024 eunicehwong@tcmc.org.nz
New Plymouth	New Plymouth Chinese Methodist Mission Centre	Ps. Allan Huang	2:30pm(C)	89 Liardet St, New Plymouth (022) 648-9768 npcmmc@gmail.com
	Wellington Chinese Methodist Church		10:30am(C) 10:30am(E)	4 Gordon Street, Avalon, Lower Hutt (029) 0434 5204 sgoh.wcmc@gmail.com
Wellington	Lower Hutt Methodist Mission Centre	Rev. Simon Goh Ps. Patrick Li	2:00pm(C)	46-48 Boulcott St, Wellington (029) 0430 6007 sgoh.wcmc@gmail.com
Palmerston North	Palmerston North Preaching Point		2:00pm(C)	12 Morris St, Palmerston North (029) 0434 5204 <u>sgoh.wcmc@gmail.com</u>
Christchurch	Christchurch Chinese Methodist Church	Rev. Dr. Adrain King Rev. Qing Ming Chen Rev. John Ling	10:00am(C) 10:00am(E)	165 Papanui Road, Merivale, Christchurch (03) 355-7728 office.ccmc.nz@gmail.com
Christenuren	Christchurch Methodist Mission Center	Rev. Qing Ming Chen	4:00pm(C)	3 Brake Street, Upper Riccarton (021) 887 716 office.ccmc.nz@gmail.com
Dunedin	Dunedin Chinese Methodist Church	Rev. Da Huang	10:00am(C)	500 Great King St, Dunedin (021) 172-5480 huangda1983@hotmail.com
Queenstown	Queenstown Methodist Mission Centre	Rev. Kwang Tau Yeo	*Every Saturday 7:00pm(C)	50 Mcbride Street, Frankton, Queenstown. (020) 470-8136 <u>tau7038@gmail.com</u>

Remarks: (C) – Chinese (E) – English





在黑暗中闪耀的光 The light that shines in the darkness

THE TRUE LIGHT THAT GIVES LIGHT TO EVERYONE WAS COMING INTO THE WORLD. JOHN 1:9

基督城 华人卫理公会 颂恩堂 Christchurch Chinese Methodist Church

圣诞前夕布道晚会 Christmas Eve Gospel Event

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十二月 Dec 2025

165 PAPANUI ROAD MERIVALE 5:30 PM 聚餐 Dinner

7:00 PM 晚会 Gospel Event

备有儿童活动 Children Programme Available

聚餐、诗歌分享、信息、圣谜剧 Potluck dinner . Songs . Sermon . Nativity Play